

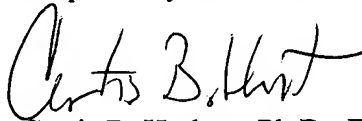
REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending. By this Amendment, no claims are cancelled, amended or added.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis B. Herbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" being more prominent.

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